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**Notice for inviting public comments on the proposed Draft  
Amendment in the Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011**

**Subject:** Draft proposal for amendment to the Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011 to prescribe the period of validity of model approval certificates – reg.

The validity for the approval of models of weights and measures, as mandated by other international legal metrology bodies, ensures these instruments remain aligned with evolving technological and regulatory requirements. Over time, technological advancements and updates to metrology standards may render older models obsolete or incompatible with current requirements. A fixed validity period allows regular re-assessment to ensure models maintain accuracy, reliability, and compliance with contemporary practices, bolstering consumer trust and market integrity.

2. It provides a structured timeline for manufacturers to update or enhance designs, ensuring long-term durability and resistance to tampering or inaccuracies. This system harmonizes with international practices, promoting global trade while balancing administrative efficiency and the need for ongoing innovation in legal metrology.

3. Therefore, it is proposed that the period of validity of the approval of models certificates may be fixed by amending the Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011. After sub-rule (9) of rule 8 of the said rules, the following sub-rule shall be inserted:

*"(10) (i) No approval certificate issued under sub-rule (6) shall remain valid for a period exceeding 10 years from the date of its issue for the domestically manufactured models.*

*Provided that the approval certificate issued under sub-rule (6) shall remain valid for a period of 5 years from the date of its issue for the imported models.*

*Provided further that the Central Government may, if is satisfied, on the recommendation of the Director (Legal Metrology), it is necessary in the public interest so to do, extend the period of validity of the certificate for such period as it may think fit;*

(ii) *The approval certificates already issued shall be valid for a period of 10 years for the models domestically manufactured in India or for 5 years for the imported models.*

*Provided that the manufacturers and importers shall continue to work on these old approval certificates for 2 years for domestically manufactured models and for one year for imported models, to get the fresh certificate of approval of model within this period."*

4. Hence, public consultation is hereby solicited for considering the amendment in the Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011 as stated above. The comments may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this Public Notice on following email ids: [js-ca@nic.in](mailto:js-ca@nic.in); [dirwm-ca@nic.in](mailto:dirwm-ca@nic.in), [mk.naik72@gov.in](mailto:mk.naik72@gov.in);

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